COVID-19 Resources

Update – Friday, April 24 1:00pm

STATE: Pennsylvania COVID-19 Statistics
per Pennsylvania Department of Health
Data updated as of 12:00pm on 4/24/20

Total Cases [1]	**Negative Tests**	**Deaths**
38,652	147,491	1,492

[1] Total case counts include confirmed and probable cases.

STATE: Cases by Age Range
per Pennsylvania Department of Health
Data updated as of 12:00pm on 4/24/20

Age Range	Cases
0-4	< 1%
5-12	< 1%
13-18	1%
19-24	6%
25-49	38%
50-64	28%
65+	25%

STATE: Hospitalizations by Age Range
per Pennsylvania Department of Health
Data updated as of 12:00pm on 4/24/20

Age Range	Cases
0-29	2%
30-49	5%
50-64	10%
65-79	20%
80+	20%

REGIONAL: COVID-19 cases by county
per Pennsylvania Department of Health
Data updated as of 12:00pm on 4/24/20

County	Positive Cases	Negative Tests	Deaths	New cases since 4/23	New deaths since 4/23
10-County Region	**2,361**	**26,212**	**157**	**+71**	**+3**
Allegheny	1,177	13,200	71	+28	+2
Armstrong	43	574	2	-	-
Beaver	337	1,798	46	+18	-
Butler	168	1,978	6	+4	-
Fayette	75	1,527	4	+4	+1
Greene	25	364	0	-	-
Indiana	62	538	4	+3	-
Lawrence	61	621	5	-	+-
Washington	96	1,766	2	+4	-
Westmoreland	317	3,846	17	+10	-

- **Wolf Administration Issues Guidance as Construction Industry Prepares to Resume Work May 1:** As the construction industry prepares to resume work, the Wolf Administration issued [guidance](#)for all construction businesses and employees to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Read more: https://dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2020/2020042499.HTM.
- **Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to Expand Curbside Delivery Program on Monday:** The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board announced on Friday, April 24 it will expand its recently introduced curbside pickup service to 389 more Fine Wine & Good Spirits locations across the commonwealth on Monday, April 27, to serve more customers seeking wine and spirits while maintaining social distancing practices in the interest of public health and safety. Read more: https://dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2020/2020042485.HTM.
- **Wolf Administration: New Funding Available for Technology-Based Companies:** Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Dennis Davin announced that new funding is available to help technology-based companies impacted by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. "DCED remains committed to identifying new resources that can support Pennsylvania's businesses during this unprecedented time," said Sec. Davin. "Our tech companies have been stepping up to provide us with innovative ways to produce personal protective equipment and other supplies, and we must make sure they remain in a position to provide those critical services and ideas in our response to this pandemic." Read more: https://dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2020/2020042497.HTM.
- **AARP calls on Pennsylvania to release list of nursing homes with coronavirus cases:** The nation's largest advocate for senior welfare has urged Gov. Tom Wolf to release a list naming which Pennsylvania long-term care facilities have confirmed coronavirus cases. "With the crisis continuing to worsen, we cannot afford to wait another second to shine a light on the situations facing our nursing facility residents and staff," AARP State Director Bill Johnston-Walsh wrote in a [letter](#)to the governor. "Our system must be more transparent." Read more: https://www.pennlive.com/news/2020/04/aarp-calls-on-pennsylvania-to-release-list-of-nursing-homes-with-coronavirus-cases.html.
- **Wolf Administration Announces Housing and Transportation Funding for Pennsylvania Communities:** Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Dennis Davin announced new funding assistance for transportation and housing activities to address the COVID-19 pandemic under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. "COVID-19 has had a major impact on communities across Pennsylvania, and this funding will serve as a critical resource for Pennsylvania's most vulnerable residents," said Sec. Davin. "By working together with the federal government, we can safeguard the health and wellbeing of individuals across the commonwealth." Read more: https://dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2020/2020042479.HTM.
- **Department of Health Provides Update on COVID-19, 1,599 Positives Bring Statewide Total to 38,652:** The Pennsylvania Department of Health today confirmed as of 12:00 a.m., April 24, that there are 1,599 additional positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to 38,652. All 67 counties in Pennsylvania have cases of COVID-19. Today, the state is reporting 1,492 confirmed deaths in Pennsylvania. County-specific

information and a statewide map are available here. All people are either in isolation at home or being treated at the hospital. Read more: https://dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2020/2020042478.HTM.

- **Wolf Encourages Voters to Apply for a Mail-in Ballot:** As Pennsylvania continues mitigation efforts to fight COVID-19, Governor Tom Wolf is encouraging registered voters to apply for a mail-in ballot for the June 2 primary election. The governor also announced the Department of State has launched an awareness campaign to inform the public about the new primary election date and how to apply for a mail-in ballot, including sending 4.2 million postcards to primary voters. In-person voting at polling places will remain available. Read more: https://dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2020/2020042275.HTM.

- **Department of Health Provides Update on COVID-19, 1,156 Positives Bring Statewide Total to 35,684:** The Pennsylvania Department of Health today confirmed as of 12:00 a.m., April 22, that there are 1,156 additional positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to 35,684. All 67 counties in Pennsylvania have cases of COVID-19. The department is continuing to work to increase the types of cases that are being added to our death case counts. Today, 58 new deaths are reported among positive and probable cases, bringing the statewide total to 1,622. County-specific information and a statewide map are available here. All people are either in isolation at home or being treated at the hospital. Read more: https://dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2020/2020042267.HTM.

- **Wolf Administration Announces Business Loan Deferrals:** Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Dennis Davin announced that the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA), Pennsylvania Minority Business Development Authority (PMBDA), and Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) are deferring loans and that the maturity dates and amortization schedules of all applicable loans are extended by three additional calendar months. Read more: https://dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2020/2020042293.HTM.

- **Governor Press Briefing** - Yesterday, Governor Tom Wolf announced a Plan for Pennsylvania that will set citizens and businesses on a path to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic while continuing to protect life from the dangers of this deadly virus. The governor outlined six key points to his Plan for Pennsylvania:

1. Using a data-driven approach to determine re-openings.
2. Abiding by guidance and recommendations for employers, individuals, and health care facilities for assured accountability while reopening.
3. Making available adequate personal protective equipment and testing before reopening.
4. Using a monitoring and surveillance program that allows the commonwealth to deploy swift actions for containment or mitigation.
5. Keeping in place protections for vulnerable populations throughout the reopening process, such as limitations on visitors to congregate care facilities and prisons.
6. Limiting large gatherings unrelated to occupations through the reopening process. You can read the full press release here.

- **More than 1.5 million unemployment claims filed in Pa. as jobless numbers continue to climb:** The number of Pennsylvanians filing unemployment claims continues to climb. On Monday April 20, Pennsylvania Labor & Industry Secretary Jerry Oleksiak said that the state had surpassed 1.5 million unemployment claims filed since March 15, when

the state rolled out [coronavirus](#) mitigation efforts. Read more: https://www.pennlive.com/coronavirus/2020/04/pa-unemployment-numbers-continue-to-climb-pandemic-unemployment-portal-logs-thousands-of-claims.html.

- **Spike in coronavirus deaths reflects better reporting, Pa. health secretary says:** Pennsylvania Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine said Tuesday April 21 the state's sharp uptick in deaths due to the coronavirus seen in recent days reflects better reporting. Read more: https://www.pennlive.com/news/2020/04/updates-on-coronavirus-in-pennsylvania-from-health-secretary-watch-live.html.

- **Tom Wolf vetoes bill that could allow more Pa. businesses to reopen:** Pennsylvania's Gov. Tom Wolf, as expected, [vetoed legislation that would allow more businesses to reopen](#) provided they comply with certain COVID-19 safety standards. Read more: https://www.pennlive.com/news/2020/04/gov-tom-wolf-vetoes-bill-that-could-allow-more-pa-businesses-to-reopen.html.

- **Governor Wolf on Southwestern Pennsylvania** Gov. Tom Wolf on Tuesday April 21 said southwestern Pennsylvania's relatively low rate of COVID-19 infection will play a role in determining what parts of Pennsylvania will reopen beginning May 8. Whether that would mean the Pittsburgh region would be able to get opened more quickly than other parts of the state was something that Wolf didn't commit to specifically. He said that the time line for reopening is based on data, a methodical approach that will include ramping up testing, and what the virus is doing.

- **Pennsylvania's Unemployment Rate At 6.0 Percent in March:** Friday, April 17, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) released its employment situation report for March 2020. The March unemployment and jobs surveys collected data that referenced the week from March 8 – 14 before many necessary coronavirus (COVID-19) - related business and school closures occurred in the second half of the month. Read more: https://dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2020/2020041797.HTM.

- **Wolf: Emergency SNAP Benefit Distribution to Begin Friday, April 17, Local Feeding Programs Available:** Governor Tom Wolf announced on Friday, April 17 that the Department of Human Services (DHS) will begin emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit issuance today in line with the federal government's interpretation of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Read more: https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-emergency-snap-benefit-distribution-to-begin-today-local-feeding-programs-available/ .

- **Department of Health Provides Update on COVID-19, 1,706 Positives Bring Statewide Total to 29,441:** The Pennsylvania Department of Health confirmed on Friday, April 17 as of 12:00 a.m., April 17, that there are 1,706 additional positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to 29,441. All 67 counties in Pennsylvania have cases of COVID-19. The department also reported 49 new deaths among positive cases, bringing the statewide total to 756. County-specific information and a statewide map are available [here](#). All people are either in isolation at home or being treated at the hospital. Read more: https://dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2020/2020041779.HTM.

- **Pennsylvania Businesses to Benefit from Waiver for Prepayments of Sales Tax:** As part of the effort to help businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Tom Wolf on Tuesday, April 14 announced businesses that collect Pennsylvania sales tax will not have to make Accelerated Sales Tax (AST) prepayments over the next three months. That means businesses that normally have a monthly prepayment requirement will not

- be charged penalties for missing the prepayment deadline during this three-month period. Read more: https://dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2020/2020041489.HTM.
- **Department of Health Releases Interim Crisis Standards of Care Guidance for Hospitals:** Pennsylvania Department of Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine on Tuesday, April 14 announced the department has finalized interim guidance for hospitals should they become overwhelmed by COVID-19 patients who have critical medical needs. Read more: https://dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2020/2020041351.HTM.
- **Pennsylvania Launches COVID-19 Job Hiring Portal:** Pennsylvanians looking for work can now find life-sustaining businesses that are hiring through a new online COVID-19 job portal the Department of Labor & Industry is launching today. Read more: https://dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2020/2020041361.HTM.
- **Wolf: 'New normal' will take time, 3 phases of response:** Wolf sees the battle against COVID-19 as a three-stage process, adding Pennsylvania is still in the first stage of fighting to reduce the rate of infection among the population by sheltering in place. During this time, the governor said the state still needs to build capacity so the health system is not overwhelmed by the disease. He acknowledged this has not come without "a whole host of sacrifices" — closing schools and businesses and keeping social distance from each other. Read more: https://triblive.com/local/regional/gov-wolf-neighboring-states-work-on-regional-plan-to-reopen-economy/ .
- Governor Wolf will be addressing all Pennsylvanians about his Plan for PA. This plan will encompass his efforts to date, and his forward looking vision for Pennsylvania as we move through the Covid-19 crisis and begin to focus on recovery. His remarks can be viewed at www.governor.pa.gov/live and will begin at 2pm.

Federal Coronavirus Updates

- *Federal Reserve*
    - The Federal Reserve announced it will reveal the names of companies that borrow under its emergency lending programs on a monthly basis. It will include the names of participants, how much they borrowed and at what rate, and the overall costs, revenue and fees for each emergency facility. The transparency pledge covers roughly $2.3 trillion in emergency loans that the central bank has said it will offer to large corporations, smaller businesses and municipal governments. Under another program, the Fed is attempting to boost consumers' access to credit by lending to banks against collateral that includes bundled student loans, auto loans and credit card loans. Because the Fed isn't set up to take on the risk of borrowers defaulting, the Treasury Department will cover any losses with the money set aside by Congress.

- *U.S. House of Representatives*
    - The U.S. House of Representatives voted Thursday April 23 to approve a roughly $480 billion package to deliver aid to small businesses and hospitals and expand COVID-19 testing. The vote was 388-5. The measure passed the Senate earlier this week and will now go to President Donald Trump, who has expressed support for the legislation and indicated that he will sign it. The bill authorizes an additional $310 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program, $75 billion for hospitals and health care providers to address coronavirus expenses and lost revenue and $25 billion to facilitate and expand COVID-19 testing.

- o The House voted on Thursday April23 to establish a new panel with broad authority to oversee the federal response to the coronavirus pandemic. The vote was 212-182. The panel, which will be a select investigative subcommittee of the House Oversight Committee, will have far-reaching power to investigate how the trillions of dollars already approved by Congress for coronavirus relief are being used. It will be able to issue subpoenas, review US preparedness for the crisis and examine decisions about the crisis within the administration.
  - o A new bill being proposed in the **U.S. House of Representatives** could allow Americans to forgo their mortgage and rent payments through the duration of the coronavirus crisis in the United States, according to reports. Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) introduced the Rent and Mortgage Cancellation Act on Friday. All Americans would be eligible regardless of income and would provide full rent and mortgage forgiveness at their place of residence for up to a year.
- *U.S. Senate*
  - o **The Senate** approved a $484 billion coronavirus relief package on Tuesday April 21 that would revive a depleted loan program for distressed small businesses and provide funds for hospitals and coronavirus testing, breaking a partisan impasse over the latest infusion of federal money to address the public health and economic crisis brought on by the pandemic. The measure was the product of an intense round of negotiations between Democrats and the Trump administration that unfolded as the small-business loan program created by the $2.2 trillion stimulus law quickly ran out of funding, collapsing under a glut of applications from desperate companies struggling to stay afloat.
- *White House*
  - o **Presidential Economic Adviser** Larry Kudlow said the administration is "pursuing some kind of liability safeguard program" for businesses that reopen that would protect them from coronavirus-related lawsuits. There would be exceptions for gross negligence.
  - o **President Trump said** Tuesday April 21 he would sign legislation pending in Congress to replenish a small business loan program that's been overrun by demand and also boost spending for hospitals and coronavirus testing. Final text was still being reviewed ahead of a scheduled 4 p.m. vote in the Senate, but Trump's tweet endorsed those efforts. The $484 billion legislation would increase funding for the Paycheck Protection Program by $310 billion, boost a separate small business emergency grant and loan program by $60 billion, and direct $75 billion to hospitals and $25 billion to a new coronavirus testing program.
  - o **Senior White House and Trump administration officials** are planning to launch a sweeping effort in the coming days to repeal or suspend federal regulations affecting businesses, with the expected executive action seen by advisers as a way to boost an economy facing its worst shock in generations, two people familiar with the internal planning said. The White House-driven initiative is expected to center on suspending federal regulations for small businesses and expanding an existing administration program that requires agencies to revoke two regulations for every new one they issue, the two people said. While the plan remains in flux, changes could affect environmental policy, labor policy, workplace safety and health care, among other areas.

- **President Trump announced** a series of guidelines to help states reopen when the worst of the coronavirus threat has passed. Under the guidelines, if a state records a 14-day decrease in cases and is able to return hospitals to pre-crisis conditions, then social distancing measures recommended by the CDC can be lifted. Ultimately, governors still decide when and how states reopen. More governors seem to be getting behind coalition-style plans. Seven Midwestern governors from Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky announced they will work together to reopen their economies.

- *S. Department of the Treasury* - Glitches prevent $1,200 stimulus checks from reaching millions of Americans. Several million people who filed their taxes via H&R Block, TurboTax and other popular services were unable to get their payments. Some parents reported they didn't get the $500 promised for their dependent children. U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has instructed the Internal Revenue Service to get payments out as fast as possible to help offset the pain of losing jobs and shutting down businesses, but numerous glitches — affecting filers who used tax preparers, parents of dependent children and people with 2019 tax returns still to be processed — are delaying payments and causing confusion.

- *Department of Transportation* - S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao on Tuesday, April 14 announced that the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is making over $1 billion available to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) to support the railroad's activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the United States and its impacts on operations and business. The funding is being provided under the recently enacted Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

- **Federal Courthouses in the Western District of Pennsylvania -** Those entering federal courthouses in the Western District of Pennsylvania will have to wear face coverings, according to an order issued Tuesday April 21 by Chief Judge Mark R. Hornak. Hornak said the order is meant to protect the health and safety of those doing business in the courthouses. Anyone attempting to enter one of the three courthouses — in Pittsburgh, Erie and Johnstown — without a face covering will be stopped by security officers, who will check if the visitor's business can be handled without entering the building.

- *Department of Justice* - Scott Brady, the United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, stated that the Justice Department has launched an investigation into two foreign entities suspected of trying to defraud U.S. healthcare companies out of millions of dollars as they work to respond to the growing number of coronavirus patients. Brady said the fraud was disrupted before any funds were transferred.